THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Government has given entry scale of pay of Rs. 4500-125-7000 per month of Pharmacists possessing qualification of Diploma in Pharmacy, in accordance with the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission. ACP scheme recommended by the Fifth Pay Commission deals with the problem of stagnation and hardship faced by the employees due to lack of adequate promotional avenues.

Condition of Dental Wing of RML Hospital

4851. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dental Wing of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital is most filthy and neglected;

(b) whether it is a fact that Dental OPD does not function on Saturdays;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to open Dental OPD on Saturdays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Wednesday and Saturdays are being observed as operation days by the Dental Department of Dr. RML Hospital. Operations are being performed by the concerned doctors in their respective rooms. However, dental emergency cases are attended to immediately by the doctors on duty.

At present there is no proposal to open dental OPD on Saturdays.

Misutilisation of funds under RCH Programme

4852. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to check the misutilisation of funds under Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that these funds have been directed for other purposes in many States;

(c) if so, the details of the same;